

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station Alameda and the Alameda Annex of the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Alameda, California**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department of the Navy, in association with the City of Alameda, California, announces its intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed disposal and reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda and the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland, Alameda Annex and Facility (Alameda Annex/Facility). The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (Public Law 101–510) of 1990, as implemented by the base closure process of 1993, directed the Navy to close NAS Alameda and the Alameda Annex/Facility.

The Navy will be the lead agency for NEPA documentation and the City of Alameda will be the lead agency for CEQA documentation.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be a cooperating agency for the NEPA documentation.

NAS Alameda and the Alameda Annex/Facility are located on Alameda Island, at the western end of the City of Alameda, Alameda County, California. Alameda Island lies along the eastern side of the San Francisco Bay adjacent to the City of Oakland.

NAS Alameda is approximately two miles long by one mile wide, and occupies approximately 2,842 acres, including 1,734 acres of uplands and 1,108 acres of tidelands. The Base, which is scheduled for operational closure in April, 1997, is currently developed with airfield, industrial, office, residential, educational, institutional, and open space uses.

The Alameda Annex/Facility consists of two parcels which comprise approximately 188 acres of land area, adjacent to NAS Alameda to the east and bordered on the north by the Oakland/Alameda Estuary, which separates Alameda Island from the City of Oakland. It is developed with warehouses, open spaces, storage and administrative buildings. The Alameda

Annex/Facility is scheduled for operational closure in September, 1998.

The EIS/EIR will address the disposal of both NAS Alameda and the Alameda Annex/Facility to public or private entities and the potential impacts of reuse alternatives. All available property will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws, including Public Law 101–510 and applicable federal property disposal regulations.

The NAS Alameda Community Reuse Plan, developed by the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority (ARRA), includes both NAS Alameda and the Alameda Annex/Facility, and constitutes the preferred Reuse Plan for the EIS/EIR. The Plan is a mixed use proposal and identifies seven distinctive reuse sub-areas and recommendations for reuse. The EIS/EIR will examine the potential impacts to the environment that may result from the implementation of the preferred Reuse Plan and potential alternative reuse scenarios. The alternatives may include mixed use, still based in large part on the Reuse Plan, but emphasizing open space, a seaport industrial focus, and an option with a limited use airfield and increased residential uses. A “no action” alternative, which would result in the federal government retaining the property in an “inactive” caretaker status, will also be included.

ADDRESSES: Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to participate in the scoping process to determine the range of issues and reuse alternatives to be addressed. A public scoping meeting to receive oral and written comments will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Alameda High School Cafeteria, located at 2200 Central Avenue, Alameda, California. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. In addition, written comments may be submitted by March 29, 1996, to Mr. Jerry Hemstock, Code 185JH, Engineering Field Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California 94066–5006, telephone (415) 244–3023, fax (415) 244–3737. For further information regarding the NAS Alameda Community Reuse Plan, contact Mr. Paul Tuttle, Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority, Naval Air Station Postal Directory, Building 90, Alameda, California 94501–5012, telephone (510) 263–2870, fax (510) 521–3764.

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Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel, will meet on 03 Apr 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 4E630, Pentagon, Washington, DC. This session will be closed to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct discussions on the Planning, Programming and Budgeting Process, Navy modernization strategies, resource allocation, and manpower issues. These matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

For further information concerning this meeting contact: Janice Graham, Assistant for CNO Executive Panel Management, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, Telephone Number: (703) 681-6205.

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Board of Visitors To The United States Naval Academy; Partially Closed Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy will meet on 18 March 1996, at Alumni Hall, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, at 8:30 a.m. The executive session of this meeting from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. will be closed to the public. Following executive session the remainder of the meeting will be opened to the public.